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Attn. Shoshana Grove

Ref. Case No. A2015-2

Closure of the Careywood Post Office has negatively affected us. We now have to drive an additional 15 miles to the Post Office Located in Athol Id. I had to wait until 9 AM for the counter to open to obtain my mail.

The Athol Post Office is small and appears unable to efficiently handle the additional patrons. Waiting in line to be handed my mail is time consuming. Parking is inadequate. An Athol Post Office Employee said " With the extra work load , 2 extra workers and and another rural route carrier/delivery person will be required ". Where is the cost savings?

Regarding closure, the U.S. Postal Service did not follow the regulations when closing the Careywood Post Office, no hearings, not adhering to there time frames on notifications, etc. They closed it in less than 30 days. Only the box holders were notified, the rural route residents were not notified. All though 500 signatures were gathered on a petition from residents of Careywood to stop the closure of the Post Office the USPS continued with their plan. Why have regulations and rules if they are not followed?

My wife is late for work when she picks up the mail in Athol, work is in Sandpoint (33 miles from Athol, one way). Driving to Athol in the winter months is very dangerous, spring can be icy as well especially in the morning hours.

Since returning to Idaho in 1982 we have had 3 address changes for our mail, counting when we went to PO box it is 4. By closing the Careywood Post Office then it will be 5 changes...

We prefer having our mail in a PO Box because of security issues but driving to Athol is a big inconvenience for us. We hope you will reconsider the closing of the Careywood Post Office and reopen it.

Yours Truly,

Orin & Corynne LaRitchie

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Shoshana Grove, Secretary,
RE: Case #A215-2

We attempted on the 20th to e-mail to you the enclosed e-mail, unfortunately it was not included in the file. See e-mail response from Erica Barker. Tried this am to send it to the online filing system be we do not have a pdf creator so we are sending you this in the mail.

Under the circumstances we hope our letter can be included in the file.

Yours truly,

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Orin LaRitchie

From: "Orin LaRitchie" <olaritchie@imaxmail.net>
To: "Shoshana Grove" <Shoshana.grove@prc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 9:12 PM
Attach: letter to PRC Shosana Grove.rtf
Subject: Careywood Idaho case #A2015-2

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Orin LaRitchie

From: "BARKER, ERICA A" <erica.barker@prc.gov>
To: <olaritchie@imaxmail.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 7:13 AM
Subject: Careywood Post Office

Dear Orin,

I am writing to you because I am the public representative on Docket A2015-2 and I recently reviewed your email with the letter attachment to Shoshana Grove. Unfortunately, your letter cannot be posted online as it must be submitted via the PRC online filing system. If you would like for your letter to be part of the formal record online, I would recommend that you post it online using the online filing link below so that it can be considered by the Commission. The link for e-filing is below. If you need assistance with creating a free temporary account for e-filing, please call Mary Hanks or Joyce Taylor in Dockets at 202-789-6845 or 202-789-6846, and they can walk you through the process.

<https://www.prc.gov/filingonline/login>

Thank you,
Erica

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